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U.S. Application No.:		
International Application No.:	PCT/DE01/01946	
International Filing Date:	MAY 22, 2001	22 MAY 2001
Priority Date Claimed:	MAY 23, 2000	23 MAY 2000
Title of Invention:	STABLE NEAR-INFRARED (NIR) MARKER DYES BASED ON BENZOPYRILIUM-POLYMETHINES	
Applicant(s) for (DO/EO/US):	Peter CZERNEY, Wilhelm FRANK, Frank LEHMANN, Bernd SCHWEDER and Matthias WENZEL	

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  
☐ 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  
☐ 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 4.  
☒ 4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.  
☒ 5. A copy of **Publication No. WO 01/90253 29NOV01** the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]  
a) ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)  
b) ☐ has been transmitted by the international Bureau  
c) ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)  
☒ 6. A translation of **Publication No. WO 01/90253 29NOV01** the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]  
☒ 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]  
a) ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)  
b) ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau  
c) ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.  
d) ☐ have not been made and will not be made  
☐ 8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]  
☒ 9. An EXECUTED Oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)]  
☒ 10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]

**Items 11. to 16. Below concern other document(s) or information included:**

- ☒ 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98  
☒ 12. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet (PTO-1619A) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.  
☒ 13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment  
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment  
☒ 14. A **substitute specification and abstract (attached to the preliminary amendment)**  
☐ 15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter  
☒ 16. (other items or information) **PCT/RO/101, PCT/IB/308 29NOV01, WO 01/90253 29NOV01, Search Report: (PCT/ISA/210) 05NOV01, PTO-1449 w/3 references and 3 English language Abstracts.**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17. The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE [37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)]						
<input type="checkbox"/> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO..... \$ 890.00						
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.482]..... \$ 710.00						
<input type="checkbox"/> No International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.482] but International search fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)]..... \$ 740.00						
<input type="checkbox"/> Neither International preliminary examination fee [37 CFR 1.482] nor International search fee [37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)] paid to USPTO..... \$ 1,040.00						
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ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT:					\$890.00	
Claims	Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims Prel. Amdt)	20	-20		x \$ 18. =		
Indep. Claims	1	-03		x \$ 80. =		
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)				+ \$ 270. =		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:					\$890.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(e)]						
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:					\$890.00	
Applicant claims Small Entity Status [See 37 CFR 1.27] Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity						
SUBTOTAL:					\$890.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English Translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(f)]						
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE:					\$890.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)] The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (PTO-1595) [37 CFR 3.28, 3.31]. \$ 40.00 per property +					\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEE(S):					\$930.00	
AMOUNTS TO BE REFUNDED OR CHARGED					REFUNDED CHARGED	\$ \$
(Please note the filing fee is based on the claims in the Preliminary Amendment)						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ 930.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. (The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 50-1529.)						
<b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 36 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.						
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Gerald h. Kiel, Esq. (Customer No. 026418) Reed Smith LLP 375 Park Avenue New York, NY 10152  Gerald H. Kiel Name (Tel. (212) 521-5400) Signature Reg. No. 25,116 Date January 21, 2002						

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OF  
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TRANSLATOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, Bettina Cornelia Price, residing at 57, Beech Lane, Earley, Reading,  
RG6 5QA, Great Britain, declare:

That I am thoroughly conversant with the German and English languages;

That I have carefully made the attached translation from the original document  
written in the German language;

That the attached translation is a true and correct English version of such  
original, to the best of my knowledge and belief;

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true  
and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and  
further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false  
statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,  
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Dated: 12/29/2001



(Bettina Price)